Community Assessment Program
Area 1 Report to the Community

The Community Assessment Program is intended to bring work groups of city employees across department lines into each neighborhood of the city so all neighborhoods are the focus of an information gathering and issue identification effort at least once a year.

Staff walked this area on September 24, 2003 to conduct a first hand assessment. Corrective actions have been scheduled, assignments made, follow-up is being documented, and this report has been prepared to the community on the area.

Area 1 has 135th Avenue forming the eastern boundary, Barrows Road forming the northwestern boundary, Fern St. forming the southern boundary and a short segment of the Bonneville Power Administration easement forming the west boundary.

Below is a summary of the assessment of your area. Please note where the city or other agency will assume responsibility for follow-up and where private citizens are responsible. Volunteer opportunities are also identified where neighbors could get involved to address issues. Together, we can work to improve our community.
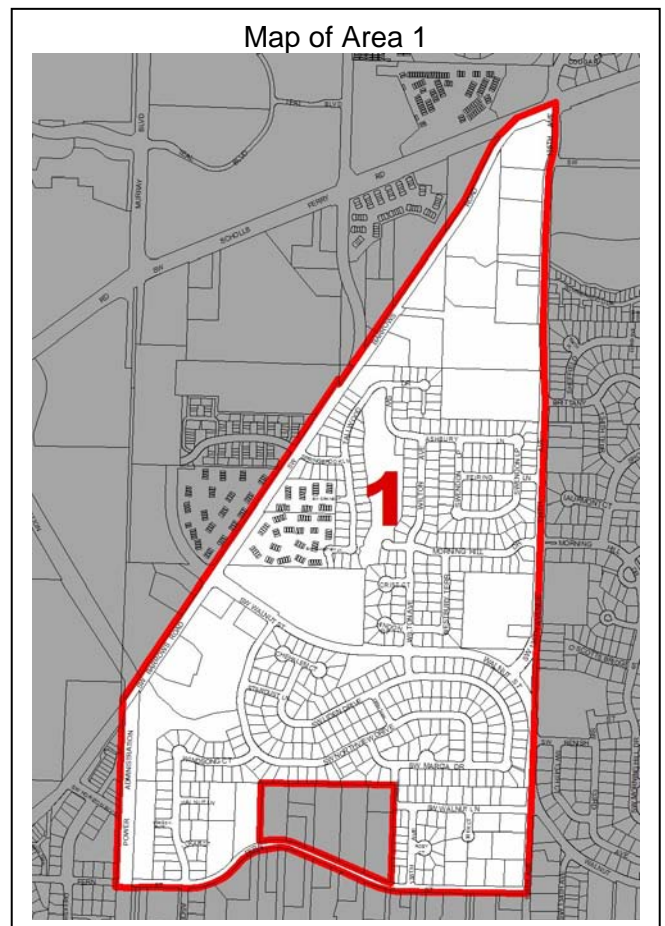

Map of Area 1

Kudos – In general, the area looks very well maintained and there were not a lot of issues to be reported.

Trip Hazards on sidewalks – Sidewalk maintenance is the property owner responsibility. There were several areas with cracks, settling, and overgrown vegetation that could pose a trip hazard and could be a potential liability for property owners. Please make sure that your sidewalk remains a safe place for pedestrians. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or christine@ci.tigard.or.us .

Street maintenance – Several comments were received regarding needed street maintenance to fix potholes, cracks etc. The Public Works Department will assess each location and establish a priority for maintenance. Questions? Contact Howard Gregory at 503-639-4171 ext 2606 or howard@ci.tigard.or.us

Storm drain stenciling – None of the storm drains in the area are stenciled to discourage dumping. The city's volunteer coordinator has added storm drain stenciling in this area to the potential volunteer project list. If you're interested in helping out, contact Susan Koepping, Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2402 or susank@ci.tigard.or.us.

Vegetation blocking fire hydrants – There were a few examples where vegetation had been allowed to grow up around fire hydrants. This can create a problem if there is a fire because the fire department may have a delay while trying to locate and clear the hydrant. The Public Works

Department will send out crews to clear the vegetation at the locations noted, but you can help by keeping the vegetation trimmed around a fire hydrant on your property. Questions? Contact Sam Morrison at 503-639-4171 ext. 2600 or sam@ci.tigard.or.us .

Basketball hoops in right-of-way – We found several instances where basketball hoops are on sidewalks or in the street which are in the public right-of-way. Did you know that basketball hoops aren't allowed in the public right-of-way? An article detailing the rules for placement of basketball hoops appeared in the May Cityscape. Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or christine@ci.tigard.or.us .

Businesses without paid business tax – All businesses including home based businesses in Tigard must pay an annual business tax. If you own a business in this area, please make sure your business tax payment is current. Please contact Heather at 503-639-4171 ext. 2487 or heather@ci.tigard.or.us if you have questions. In addition to paying the business tax, you must have an approved home occupation permit to conduct business from your home. Please contact the permit counter at 503-639-4171 ext 2421.

Catch basins without bike straps – Some of our older catch basins have grates with slots wide enough for a bike tire to fall if you're not careful. The PW Department needs your help to identify these older catch basins so that we can weld a flat metal bar across the grate to eliminate this hazard. (New style catch basin grates have been designed to eliminate this hazard.) If you notice a catch basin grate that needs a bike strap or for questions please contact Eric hand at 503-639-4171 ext.2607, or eric@ci.tigard.or.us.

More ways you can help make our community better –

Neighborhood Watch - Are your neighbors watching out for you? Do you know your neighbors? Do you know how and when to call Tigard Police? Start a neighborhood watch program! At some point, your neighborhood may have had an active Neighborhood Watch program working in partnership with the Tigard Police. Over time, many Tigard neighborhoods have evolved with new residents moving in and others moving away. Maybe it is time to take another look at your neighborhood. For more information on how to take a bite out of crime in your neighborhood and at the same time get re-acquainted with your neighbors, contact the Tigard Police Crime Prevention Officer at 503-718-2561.

Help protect our streams - If you and your neighbors, church group or scout troop would like to help keep our streams clean, help out by volunteering to stencil storm drains. The "dump no waste, drains to stream" message reminds people not to dump soapy water, pesticides or other substances down the storm drains. If you are interested, contact Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171 x 2402 or susank@ci.tigard.or.us.

If you are interested in serving as a community connector for this area, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 ext. 2412 or liz@ci.tigard.or.us. The role of the community connector is a two way communicator of information as well as the neighborhood contact in times of emergency.

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